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DOMESTIC QUARANTINE NOTICES

MEXICAN FRUITFLY QUARANTINE; FURTHER EXTENSION OF HARVESTING SEASON

Pursuant to the authority conferred upon the Chief of the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine by § 301.64-5(a) of the regulations supplemental to the Mexican fruitfly quarantine (7 CFR 1945 Supp. §§ 301.64-1 through 301.64-7), the following administrative instructions are hereby adopted:

§ 301.64-5d Administrative instructions; further extending harvesting season under requirements of Mexican fruitfly regulations. The present harvesting season for grapefruit, sweet limes, and "sour" and "bittersweet" oranges in the regulated area is hereby further extended from midnight July 17, 1948 until midnight July 31, 1948. The host free period for these fruits shall begin at 12:01 a.m., August 1, 1948, and continue through the last day of August 1948.

(Sec. 8, 37 Stat. 318, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 161)

The purpose of this action is further to extend the harvesting period for these fruits an additional two weeks beyond that provided for in administrative instructions effective June 15, 1948 (B. E. P. Q. 568), 13 F.R. 2471, which extended the harvesting season from midnight June 15, 1948 until midnight July 17, 1948. This further extension is needed because the available labor supply and conditions in the groves have delayed harvesting of the crop. The pest risk involved will not be increased, since sterilization of fruit will be required in the same manner as during the regular harvesting period. This action is taken in concurrence with the appropriate regulatory officials of the State of Texas. It is necessary that these administrative instructions become effective at once in order to permit the growers to plan their harvesting activities accordingly. Furthermore, these instructions relieve restrictions. For the reasons stated, it is found upon good cause, pursuant to the provisions of section 4 of the Administrative Procedure Act (60 Stat. 238), that notice and public procedure on these administrative instructions are unnecessary, impracticable, and contrary to the public interest and good cause is found for making them effective less than 30 days after their publication in the Federal Register.

Done at Washington, D. C., this 2nd day of July 1948.

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